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Intaking and outgiving—getting good and giving good—that is our main business—C. G. Ames.

HAWAII SUGAR AND THE TARIFF.

There is not the slightest danger of the free sugar bill passing Congress at this session. That such a measure will ever get through, is remote.

The result in the United States Senate is likely to be an approval of a very moderate reduction of the tariff, more conservative indeed than the Bristow amendment. This may be accepted by the House but a deadlock is likely.

Under such circumstances Hawaii will have to find something other than the tariff legislation on sugar to worry about when seeking for trouble. The situation is very satisfactory as compared with any other section of the country, directly interested in tariff legislation.

The high cost of living can't be laid on the Canal anyhow.

After a while suspicious persons will begin to think that Honolulu is trying to grasp progressive ideas, and will get in line.

Governor Hadley, of Missouri, was one of the Governors who helped Roosevelt throw his hat into the ring. By the way, who were the others?

Now that the mosquitoes are being eradicated there is but one thing to be added to make Honolulu life perfect and that is a one-man lawn mower with motor attached, with a seat on the handle.

The long war in San Francisco has been hushed by the police threatening to close up Chinatown. Both sides probably wanted time to sneak behind some Joss house and jamb in a few more cartridges.

Speak well of your city and you can help it immensely. You can do better than that. You can do for your city by cleaning up so that it will speak for itself more eloquently than words from you.

If the scribes can be believed, Roosevelt put in the first thirty or forty years of his life denying what others said. It now looks as if he was going to put in the remainder of his life denying everything he ever said himself.

It will not be many months until Honolulu will be standing on tiptoe, stretching her neck for a peep over the horizon for the first ship through the Canal bound for the Far East. Are we getting ready to give that ship anything except the glad hand?

A cartoon in one of the recent exchanges represents Roosevelt rushing violently down a hill in pursuit of a Jack-o'-lantern illusion. There is nothing funny or comic in it. It is the picture of one of the saddest of American political tragedies.

It is poor Territorial economy to squib on the promotion funds. The local promotion committee has done splendidly with the funds available, but there is much to be done. There is no doubt in the world but that the tourist business could be doubled or, at any rate, immensely increased by a more comprehensive and thorough system of world publicity—and the tourist trade is what we want. It is

EVENING SMILES

"This is an unusually healthy sub-urb," declared the real estate man. "Then I guess we won't sign a lease," responded the lady.

"My husband is a doctor, you see." "What are you smiling about?" asked Noah.

"I was just thinking," said Japhet, "how lucky it was we could go ahead and build this ark without waiting for an appropriation from Congress."

"Fancy letting himself be run over by a cab in these days of automobiles

ity," as Fernando Wood used to say. The Rochester Convention furnishes only one illustration out of many of the excellent results of Mr. Roosevelt's dash for the White House.

It is a far more representative convention than would have been held had not Mr. Roosevelt tried to seize a third term. It is a far more progressive convention. It will come closer to meeting the real issues of American politics. It is thinking much more about the American people and much less about the Wall street contributors to the campaign fund than it would have done had not Mr. Roosevelt's candidacy threatened the country with political disaster.

What is true at Rochester will be true at Chicago. The national platform will be a better platform than it would have been if Mr. Roosevelt had kept out of the contest. A better platform at Chicago will force a better platform at Baltimore. The Democratic party will have to keep up with the procession.

President Butler of Columbia, in his speech as Temporary Chairman of the Rochester Convention yesterday, defined "the supreme issue of 1912" as "the maintenance of our republican form of government." This is incorrect. The battle for the maintenance of our republican form of government has been fought and won. Mr. Roosevelt's third-term candidacy has collapsed. His patent-medicine remedies have been repudiated by the common sense of the American people; but the real issues remain.

Popular discontent does not end with the downfall of Mr. Roosevelt's ambition or with the repudiation of his spurious nostrums. Tariff abuses, corporation abuses, financial abuses, court abuses, boss rule and privilege entrenched behind the law—these are all vital questions grounded in real public wrongs. Mr. Roosevelt's campaign has shown even the Bourbons of American politics that these issues can no longer be ignored. They must be dealt with, or this country will get Roosevelt or worse than Roosevelt. Let there be no illusions about that.

COUNTING COSTS OF SCHOOLS.

The Department of Public Instruction is just in receipt of a new bulletin, entitled "A Study of Expenses of City Schools," published by the Bureau of Education at Washington, D. C. The work was largely done by Dr. Harlan Undergraff under the direction of the Commissioner of Education, Honorable P. P. Claxton, who is the head of the Bureau, and contains a mass of information for those interested in the practical solution of educational problems.

In his letter of transmittal, Mr. Claxton says it is of greatest importance that careful attention be given to the expenditures made by all governmental agencies. The expense of certain cities rival in amount the expenses of State governments.

From 20 to 50 per cent of the expenses of cities go to the support of public schools.

Over \$200,000,000 are expended annually by the city school systems of the United States.

Doubtless thousands of dollars of this amount might be saved each year if each city knew the proportion in which other cities are distributing their money among the various school activities and the unit cost of each activity. Likewise cities which are confined through endeavors within a too narrow range or which are ex-

pending too little upon a particular object will have these facts revealed.

The report furnishes just such information for 103 cities of 30,000 inhabitants or over. It provides a method for the treatment of similar statistics of smaller cities, town and rural districts. A superintendent or a fiscal officer may take such data as are found in national and state educational reports and by following the methods observed in this monograph may ascertain the true relation of the expenses of his own system to such others as he desires to include in his study.

The report, consisting of 96 pages, has much valuable information and over a hundred useful tables, that are helpful in making a study of school administration. The basal data used in this study were gathered by agents of the Bureau of the Census, who personally visited the fiscal officers of the cities included and with the assistance of those in charge compiled the statistics from the account books and vouchers. The data as reported to the census office were placed at the disposal of the Bureau of Education.

The object of this bulletin is threefold:

(1) To provide those charged with the administration of the public schools in the large cities of the United States the means of making exact comparisons of cost between any two or more cities with a minimum of effort.

(2) To establish certain standards by which any item of expense of any city of 30,000 population or over may be measured and by means of which comparisons the expenses of this and after years may be made.

(3) And to present certain conclusions regarding urban education which a study of statistics seems to establish.

The principal tables are grouped as follows:

First: The basal tables containing seven financial tables showing in detail the cost of each kind of expense for each city.

Second: The percentage tables containing six tables showing in detail for each city the percentage which each kind of expense is of the entire expense.

Third: The average cost tables, two in number, showing in detail for each city the annual cost per pupil based on enrollment of each kind of expense for instruction, operation and maintenance of elementary and secondary schools.

Fourth: One table showing the per capita cost of school expenses, based upon population, comparative cost of school expenses and city expenses and of school expenses and expenses for police.

Fifth: One table comprising the total cost of elementary and secondary schools in each city.—The various items of school expenses are classified in these tables under the following heads:

a. Expenses of general control.
b. Expenses of instruction, operation and maintenance of elementary schools.
c. Expenses of instruction, operation and maintenance of secondary schools.
d. Expenses of instruction, operation and maintenance of normal, evening, vocational and special schools.
e. Combined expenses of instruction, operation and maintenance of schools of all kinds.
f. Miscellaneous expenses.

The Bureau of Education, which is a branch of the Department of the Interior, is making a very great number of investigations throughout the United States and their valuable reports are of great benefit to the school systems in all localities.

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WORK-A-DAY RELIGION

As an interesting evidence of present day tendencies in religious thought, we note the charges of Rev. Dr. Burns against Rev. Chas. M. Stuart, editor of the Northwestern Christian Advocate. Dr. Stuart is one of the most able men in the Methodist church, and as president of the Garrett Biblical Institute has a great influence.

Dr. Burns says in his pamphlet: "When the Methodist Episcopal church allows its ministers to teach that the future life is a probationary state, exactly as is the present state, its well-constructed system of government will not prevent its rapid decay."

The conditions are absolutely alarming. Young men from our theological schools are preaching the "myths of miracles," denying the immaculate conception, and the physical resurrection of Jesus, the "antiquated ideas" of a personal devil, and the Genesis account of the creation. All who maintain the old doctrines are ridiculed as "old fogies" and "moss grown." Thus many men are carried away or kept silent.

Bishop Berry of the same church says:

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In October last the Presbyterians at Long Beach were trying a certain Dr. Day for heresy. He denied among other things that Jonah was swallowed by a whale. But there was difficulty in agreement—it was found that the "whole church structure was riddled with heterodox doctrine."

At the Methodist conference, also, Dr. Stuart had his staunch defenders. All the young and old progressives were on his side.

The Presbyterian church of Dundee, Scotland, ministered to by Rev. Walter Walsh, "whose power has been felt on both sides of the Atlantic," has come out as a whole in favor of liberal religion. The following is a part of its "Covenant":

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MAKIKI GETS NEW ENGINE

Chief Thurston of Honolulu fire department has assigned one of the recently received motor chemical engines to Makiki station, and the transfer of the latest and most approved fire-fighting apparatus will be effected to-day.

The two new engines have been given a thorough trial, not only at the hands of Fred Ayres, who came down from the Coast as the representative of the Seagrave company, but by several members of the department.

Every elevation within the limits of the city of Honolulu traversed by a suitable roadway has been sealed with the powerful truck.

Fire Chief Thurston has now attended to the "loading" of the machines. It is the intention to give the horse-driven hose wagons heretofore stationed at Makiki a general overhauling. Some minor repairs are needed to place the reels in first-class working order.

The Makiki hose wagon will be kept at central station following the installation of the motor chemical engine at the residential district.

Demonstrator Ayres was numbered among the departing passengers for the Coast in the Wilhelmina yesterday. The chemical engines have now been officially accepted by the supervisors and the fire chief.

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